

SAFFORD AT WORK.

He Makes Official Examination of Montezuma Trust Company.

IT IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.

Traveling Auditor and Bank Examiner Charles V. Safford has just made an official examination in his capacity as bank examiner of the affairs of the Montezuma Trust company of this city, completing the examination late yesterday afternoon. The office of bank examiner was only recently created and the duties of this official are not fully understood by the public. With a view of obtaining information as to the duties of the bank examiner, the nature of the examination made and the condition of the institution examined, The Citizen representative sought an interview with Mr. Safford.

"Yes," Mr. Safford stated in his usual distinct manner, "I have now reached the point where I can devote some attention to the examination of the financial institutions of the territory coming under my jurisdiction, though my other work is only well started. I have just closed a full and complete examination of the affairs of the Montezuma Trust company of this city. This company is incorporated under the law commonly known as the Albright Trust company law, its legal title being 'An act relating to trust companies, passed by the last legislature. This law was probably the most thoroughly considered measure before the session, and its provisions show an intricate knowledge of financial institutions of the kind authorized and a commendable disposition on the part of its advocates to place around these institutions every safeguard, as well as to facilitate the examination and supervision of its affairs by the territorial officer to whom this duty is entrusted. The provision of the law prescribing my duties in making the examination just made of the affairs of the Montezuma Trust company is found in Section 12. This provision was taken from and is an exact copy of the national banking law, and my duties and powers in examining trust companies are the same as the duties and powers of national bank examiners in examining national banks."

The section referred to by Mr. Safford is as follows:

Sec. 12.—The auditor of the territory shall between the first day of January and the last day of June of each year and between the first day of July and the last day of December of each year, and at such other times as he may deem it necessary in order to a full and complete knowledge of its condition, make a thorough examination into all the affairs of every such corporation, and in doing so to examine any of the officers or agents thereof, under oath. The auditor may appoint a suitable person to make such examinations for him and such examiner shall have the same powers in making such examinations as is given by law to the auditor, and he shall make a full and detailed report of the condition of every such corporation examined to the auditor. Before entering into the discharge of his duties such examiner shall make, subscribe to and file in the office of the auditor, an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of his office as such examiner, and shall execute a bond to the territory in such sum as the auditor may require, with sufficient surety or sureties conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. Such bond shall be approved by the auditor and filed in his office. If any such corporation shall refuse to submit to an examination required by this section it shall be subject to a penalty of one thousand dollars for such refusal and the auditor of the territory may take charge of such corporation, close its doors, make a thorough examination of its affairs and take such proceedings as the nature of the case may require. If any officer or director thereof shall refuse to be examined under oath touching the affairs of such corporation, such officer or director shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars for such refusal and the auditor of the territory may in addition remove such officer or director. The penalties herein provided may be collected by suit before any court of record of the territory.

"As to the nature of the examinations, they will be full and complete in every particular. The examination just closed of the Trust company here was of this nature. Every item was traced with a view of ascertaining whether it was a proper entry and in every instance was found to be so, and the balances appearing were verified. Then I took from the general ledger a detailed statement showing the resources and liabilities of the company. Taking up the resources first, I carefully examined, footed and verified the total. Then I similarly examined, footed and verified the liabilities. I also examined the by-laws of the company, its general contracts and its method of conducting its business, with a view of ascertaining whether it is following the law and conducting its business in a safe and secure manner. I found the affairs of the company in excellent condition and its business conservatively and safely, as well as profitably, conducted. The securities held are of a uniform high class and evidence careful investigation and consideration on the part of the directors.

"Trust companies are also required

to make at least four reports during each year, as required by Section 11 of the act before referred to, exhibiting in detail and under appropriate heads, the resources and liabilities of the corporation at the close of business on any past day which may be specified. These reports must be properly verified and published and a copy filed in my office. The form adopted is practically the same as used by the comptroller for national banks. These reports will be regularly called for and required."

[The section is as follows: Sec. 11.—Every such corporation shall make to the auditor of the territory not less than four reports during each year, according to the form which may be prescribed by him, verified by the oath or affirmation of the president or secretary of such corporation, and attested by the signature of at least three directors. Each such report shall exhibit, in detail, and under appropriate heads, the resources and liabilities of the corporation at the close of business, on any past day as him specified, and shall be transmitted to the auditor within fifteen days after the receipt of a request or requisition therefor from him, and in the same form in which it is made to the auditor shall be published in a newspaper published in the place where such corporation is located, or where its principal place of business is located, or if there is no newspaper in the place, then in one published nearest thereto in the same county, and proof of publication shall be furnished as may be required by the auditor. The auditor shall also have power to call for special reports from any particular corporation, whenever in its judgment the same are necessary in order to a full and complete knowledge of its condition. Every such corporation which fails to make, transmit or publish any report required under this section, shall be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars for each day after the period herein mentioned, that it delays to make, transmit or publish such report, and if such failure shall continue for a period of thirty days the auditor of the territory may take charge of such corporation, close its doors, make a thorough examination of its affairs, and take such proceedings as the nature of the case may require.]

"Another wise provision of this law is found in Section 14. This section is taken word for word from the national banking law. In fact the whole plan of supervision and examination is taken from the national banking act, my office occupying the same position as to trust companies as the office of comptroller occupies as to national banks, and clothed with the same powers as to examination and supervision."

[The section last referred to is as follows: Sec. 14.—Every president, director, secretary, clerk or agent of any such corporation, who embezzles, obstructs or willfully misapplies any of the moneys, funds or credits of the corporation, or who, without authority, issues or puts forth any certificate of deposit, draws any order or bill of exchange, mortgage, judgment, or decree, or who makes any false entry in any book, report, or statement of the corporation, with intent, in either case, to injure or defraud the corporation or any other company, body politic or corporate, or any individual person, or to deceive any officer of the corporation, or any agent appointed to examine the affairs of any such corporation; and every person who with like intent aids or abets any officer, clerk or agent in any violation of this section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be imprisoned not less than five nor more than ten years.]

THICK AS FLIES.

Railroad Surveyors Are Very Numerous in the West.

The following from San Bernardino illustrates the enormous amount of railroad construction that is going on in the west:

"You can't throw a stone on the desert without hitting a railroad surveyor," says Henry Blakeman, who has just returned from Ivanpah. He states that there are numerous railroad men running lines across the desert, and some of them are now making permanent surveys for branch roads to the various mining camps which are situated off the main lines of the big transcontinental roads.

WILL ECONOMIZE.

Very Little Improvements to be Done On the Coast Lines.

How many proposed coast line improvements are laid on the table and for how long? says a dispatch from San Bernardino, Cal., dated August 19.

That is the question which is bothering the officials on this end of the Santa Fe system, for that something of the sort is in the wind there is no doubt. Third Vice President Kendrick is expected to arrive here in a few days accompanied by General Manager Wells, who has gone to Albuquerque to meet him. It is understood that economy has been sounded along the line and Mr. Kendrick is coming to California for the purpose of inspecting the company's coast lines in order to advise President Ripley where proposed improvements may be deferred. The new store house for this city, plans of which were completed some time ago, has already been placed on the shelf and when it will be built is a question hard to solve.

It is expected that Mr. Kendrick's visit will do away with many of the

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proposed new bridges on the Southern California division. These are the times that make men swear, that is the men in charge of the company's affairs. "It's a case of doing the best you can on nothing," said an official the other day, and holding office under such conditions is not the most pleasant work in the world.

The extensive losses sustained by the Santa Fe in the Kansas floods are responsible for the intended cut in expenses.

PATRIOTIC ADDRESS.

In his farewell address to the army issued just prior to his retirement, among other excellent sentiments uttered, Lieutenant General Miles had this to say:

All honorable activity and life for the army must exist within the defined lines of patriotism, unselfish honor, sterling integrity, impartial justice, obedience to rightful authority and incessant warfare against armed enemies. Always to maintain truth, honor and justice requires the highest moral courage, and is equally as important as fortitude in battle. Drill, discipline and instruction are but preparatory for the perfection and efficiency of an army.

Events of recent years have placed upon the army a new obligation and an opportunity for a broader exemplification of its country's principles. The United States army now is brought into daily communication with millions of people of whom its individual members of every grade are the exponents of American civilization. A serious duty and a great honor now are presented to every officer and soldier, namely, to exemplify to those with whom he comes in contact our country's principles of equal and exact justice, immunity from violence, equality before the law and the peaceful use and possession of his own.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Superintendent Stroup and Teachers Getting Ready for Work.

FEW IMPORTANT PARAGRAPHS.

Many of the teachers, having completed their vacations, are back in town getting ready for work.

The regular city teachers' examination will be held August 28 and 29 at the Central School building.

Beginning September 1 and continuing four days examinations will be given each afternoon for the benefit of those who have conditions in their promotion. Below the high school these conditions must be removed before the next grade can be entered. In the high school department work is done and each class is in a manner independent. The buildings have been cleaned and put in first-class order for the beginning of school. Never in the history of the town was the school prospect brighter. The enrollment in every grade will be larger than ever before.

While the schools lost several excellent teachers by resignation at the close of the last school year, their places have all been filled with progressive up to date teachers. The teaching force of Albuquerque is not equalled in many western towns. Sixty-five per cent of this city's teachers are normal or college graduates.

The good standing of the Albuquerque high school is evidenced by the fact that her graduates are admitted without examination in all the territorial institutions, and into the freshman classes of Kansas and Colorado universities as well. In the near future we hope to make the same arrangements with Berkeley and Leland Stanford universities.

Compare our schools with those of other states and if we are deficient let the teachers know it and the weak places will be strengthened.

ARIZONA MUSEUM.

Here Today and On Way to World's Fair, St. Louis.

A light covered wagon drawn by a couple of burros drew up at the corner of Gold avenue and Second street this morning and was the center of attraction of a curious crowd of people.

On the side of the wagon was a banner announcing that inside was the great Arizona Museum, and it was free to look in. The people jumped at the invitation, because it reads "free." The collection on exhibition was composed of two Gila monsters, two rattlesnake skins and a few queer looking stones. The museum is the property of Joe Bower of Phoenix, Ariz., and he is going to drive through to St. Louis and attend the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Price and daughter have moved to the city from San Marcial. Miss Price will attend the Albuquerque business college.

The "Yellow Kids" of Deming and the "Remnants" of El Paso will cross bats at Deming Sunday afternoon. On their old grounds, the "Yellow Kids" ought to administer a dose of defeat to the El Paso ballists.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN

United States Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, New Mexico Section.

Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 18, 1903.—The weather continues hot and generally dry. Some good showers have occurred during the week but they have been of a local character, and while some fields and some portions of the prairies are fairly well watered other portions are very dry and suffering severely from lack of moisture. All kinds of stock remain in very good condition as yet, and almost daily showers in the mountains furnish a fair supply of irrigation water for the streams, but good, general rains are needed to supply stock water on the prairies, and to bring out the grass on the ranges for fall and winter feed for stock. Unirrigated fields as a rule are needing rains badly, especially corn, but where irrigated the crop is very promising. Second alfalfa is generally secured in northern counties in very good condition. In southern parts the third growth is not turning out well on account of the drought. In some localities the rains have been torrential in character, causing much damage to fields and property. The flood at Silver City on the 11th and 12th is conservatively estimated to have caused damage to the extent of \$100,000, and that of the 16th in Socorro county washed out a portion of the Magdalena branch of the railway and flooded the town of Socorro. Apples, plums, pears and late peaches are coming into local northern markets; the quality of the fruit is very fair but the yield very irregular.

The following remarks are extracted from the reports of correspondents: Albert—H. W. Hanson. Getting extremely dry; grass is bleaching, and even trees and shrubs are wilting. Cloudy with thunder and lightning almost every afternoon but only a trace of rain. Drought is really becoming severe. Highest temperature, 98; lowest, 54; rain, 0.34. Andrews—A. S. Warren: Hot and dry; all vegetation is burning up. Springs and wells failing. Considering the drought stock looks well. Arabela—A. M. Richardson: A good rain on the 6th, but more needed. Highest temperature, 92; lowest, 55; rain, 0.53. Bell Ranch—C. M. O'Donnell: Daily thunder showers but very light, and covering but a limited area. Some portions of the range have had no rainfall, and a good general rain is much needed. Third cutting of alfalfa is giving an average yield. Rain, 1.04. Fruitland—Yrill James Collier: Fine weather for all crops. Second alfalfa is in the stack, and a good crop. Corn is well started in the ear and is growing fast. The range is still good. The river carries a good supply of water. Highest temperature, 100; lowest, 51; rain, trace. Gallinas Springs—Jas. E. Whitmore: Fine grass in the pasture and stock getting very fat. Unirrigated crops are looking well in places; heavy dews every night keep vegetation from drying up. Wild hay will be scarce in these parts. Fruits are not more than a fifth of a crop. Highest temperature, 96; lowest, 59; rain, 0.36. Las Vegas (Mora Road)—Leon J. Thornhill: Heavy rain and hail on the 9th, storm doing much damage to standing crops. Second crop of alfalfa is being secured; the third growth is coming on finely. The hail has given corn and other growing crops a setback. Mesilla Park—R. H. Hart: Days hot and partly cloudy. Third alfalfa will be a failure on account of the drought and the lack of irrigation water, but some water has now been turned into the canals. The rains have not been enough to be of much benefit. Peaches (late) and pears are on the market. Highest temperature, 94; lowest, 65; rain, 0.58. Mimbres—Charles Dennis: Drought badly broken; storm accompanied by hail which did little or no damage. Local showers have occurred almost every day recently; grass is now growing finely. Third crop of alfalfa is growing nicely. Early summer fruit is now on the market, and the quality is good. Ojo Caliente—Antonio Joseph: Recent rains in the mountains have replenished the streams, and irrigation water is ample. Wheat and the second crop of alfalfa just harvested are excellent. Livestock in good condition, but the ranges need rain badly. Fruits are better than was expected last spring. Santa Fe—U. S. Weather Bureau: Light showers almost daily in vicinity but very little at station. Irrigation water insufficient, and some young orchards may suffer greatly from lack of irrigation. Second alfalfa generally secured, and in good condition. Peaches very irregular in yield but of fair quality. Apples very scarce. Highest temperature, 87; lowest, 57; rain, 0.53. R. M. HARDINGE, Section Director.

A HOBO KITTEN.

Rode the Rods on a Galveston Passenger Train.

The following story is vouched for by several members of the Cleburne, Texas, party who returned from Galveston recently: Commissioner Tom

THE CLEANING AND HEALING CURE FOR CATARRH Ely's Cream Balm

Watkins and his party went on a late train. On their way down their attention was called to a tiny kitten which one of the train hands dislodged from the trucks. As the bell rang and the train started the kitten sprang to its safe hiding place. This operation was repeated several times, and always at the tap of the bell the kitten rushed back for its free ride till Mrs. Watkins secured this remarkable kitten by paying a small boy 25 cents for securing it from its perilous position. The lady kept it during her stay in Galveston, to bring home with her.

The first through train on the Santa Fe Central railway left Torrance this morning at 5 o'clock, arriving at Santa Fe at 9:30 a. m., returning to Torrance this train will leave Santa Fe at 8 o'clock this evening. It is expected that there will be a change of time on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad so that the northbound train from Santa Fe to Denver will connect with the Santa Fe Central train from El Paso and Torrance, which will arrive at the Capital city at 9:30 every morning.

This morning at the McQuade home, 805 Carroll avenue, occurred the funeral services of Richard, the deceased son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McQuade. Rev. W. J. Marsh presided and said many words touching the dead, yet with sweet regard to the passing of a life so young and tender. A large number of sympathetic friends were at the McQuade home and followed the remains to Fairview cemetery.

ROYAL RECEPTION.

Tendered Gen. and Mrs. Baldwin This Afternoon.

DELIGHTFUL DRIVE THIS MORNING.

General Baldwin, officer in command of the department of Colorado, United States army, accompanied by Mrs. Baldwin and son, and Lieutenant and Drum, arrived this morning from the west in private car attached to passenger train No. 2, and is the guest of the city until tonight.

A delegation of Albuquerqueans, including Judge B. S. Baker, George L. Brooks and others, were at the station and escorted the general and party to the Alvarado, where breakfast was served. After a hurried meal the general was driven over the city, up the valley north of the city and on the mesa east of the city. The morning was ideal and the veteran general visited many places familiar in days long ago, when the general was a soldier in New Mexico. He said when here a few months ago that he would like to visit Albuquerque and the vineyards up the valley. He did that this morning and his face beamed with enthusiasm as he recounted incidents of early days.

This afternoon the general and family and Lieutenant Drum are at the Commercial club, where they are being greeted by a large number of city people, who congregated there for the purpose. The club house was hurriedly made ready this morning, and although the preparations are not as elaborate as they might have been had the club had more time in which to make ready for their distinguished guests, they have been pronounced fair and if anything is lacking, General Baldwin is the sort to take circumstances into consideration.

The hour was set for 4 o'clock, but as early as 3:30 o'clock, carriages began stopping at the club and fully two hundred people were made acquainted with General and Mrs. Baldwin, the three hours following. The First Regimental band played patriotic airs and the affair passed in a satisfactory manner.

General Baldwin and party will leave this evening for Denver, the general's department headquarters.

BEST IN THE WEST.

The Santa Fe New Mexican says: "The management of the New Mexico Territorial Fair association, which will have its exhibition this year from October 12 to 17, inclusive, at Albuquerque, appears to be leaving no stone unturned to have the grandest exhibition ever given in this section. The \$4,500 in purses offered for horse racing is bound to draw a large collection of first-class horses, while the \$2,000 purses for the cow boy tournament will get together an array of talent never before seen in New Mexico. Santa Fe should have her baseball team ready to go down and capture the first money in the baseball tournament."

Miss Susie Williams left this morning for the Rio Pecos country, where she will enjoy a two weeks' vacation.

handlers of money because of their appearance and ring. By weight they are easily detected. Where they came from nobody knows. Uncle Sam's secret service should get on the track of their makers.

SANTA FE.

From the New Mexican.

John B. Harper, United States irrigation engineer for the Pueblo Indians, left for Zuni on official business.

The report in the Albuquerque newspapers that I. Sparks has resigned as mayor of Santa Fe is without foundation.

John Mainetti and son are at the Bon Ton. John Mainetti was recently injured in the mines at Madrid and has come to this city for treatment. His eyesight is severely injured.

Work has commenced on the foundation for the turn table in the Santa Fe Central railway yards. The foundation for the track scales has been completed.

While enjoying camping out in the Santa Fe canyon John L. Zimmerman and E. P. Shields are doing some surveying work for the Capital Light and Power company. A compass and other surveying instruments were sent to them this morning.

H. R. Mitchner of Albuquerque arrived in the city and will work in the New Mexican bindery. A foreman for some weeks and until Hugh B. Phillips, who has been in that position for some months but is now quite ill, recovers and is again ready for work.

AZTEC.

From the Index.

Ranchers report the second cutting of alfalfa 3 per cent better than the first.

John Lair was called to Durango on account of the sickness of a nephew. Cupid, that meddlesome divinity, with his bow, arrows, quiver and wings, has been very busy in Aztec's flower gardens lately, and the watchman has either been asleep or winked the other eye, as some of the fairest flowers have been stolen while in their prettiest bloom. First came G. W. Lamberson who hypothesized himself to Mrs. Madie E. Diechsell. Hardly had we recovered from the shock when Byron Baker last Sunday, while he should have been swimming or at Sunday school, made captive Miss Delia Condon. Shortly after came Escalaplus, in the form of Dr. James H. Clift, and by his suave persistent efforts induced Miss Iris McRae to share his future. The list does not stop here. Even our young minister—be of the sanctimonious garb and sedate manner—has at last succumbed to Cupid's wiles. The Rev. W. F. P. Munsey will, after his lectures next week, become a benefactor and decamp for Pueblo, taking with him Miss Stella Stogsdill. Could even President Roosevelt ask more of a town the size of Aztec?

FARMINGTON.

From the Times.

L. L. Thomas contracted for forty acres of W. N. Knight for a consideration of \$3,000. This land has about fifteen acres of orchard and has a good fruit crop on it.

D. J. Craig, an employee of the Unity tunnel or the Silver Lake company's property, met with a very serious accident, crushing his foot between the pipes in such a manner as will cause amputation of the foot at the ankle joint.

The Farmington telephone circuit will soon be in operation. The company is now asking for bids for hauling the poles and supplies from Pine Ridge down the La Plata to this place. This will be the central point and the bulk of the freight comes here.

At a meeting of the school committee the secretary was instructed to write to S. H. Brotherton of Dolores, Colo., and inform him that his application for the principal had been accepted, provided favorable reports from places where he had taught were received by the board after inquiries are made. The school board have also employed Miss Maude Agnew Dolores and Miss Lizzie Quilan of Walsburg as teachers in the lower grades. Miss Quilan will have the primary department.

Joe Wilkins is having an elegant silver belt made by a Navajo silversmith near his store for a lady at Silverton.

Jay and Frank Fulcher have moved their brick making machinery to the La Plata, where they will make a kiln of brick to be used in building the new school house for the upper district.

M. N. Cunningham and J. E. Knoll of Cozad, Neb., arrived by Farmington overland, and will spend some time looking over the country with a view of locating.

It is rumored a large Catholic mission and school will be built this fall on the San Juan river about eight miles west of here. Such an institution would be of much benefit to our people as well as to the Navajos.

T. C. Bryan was up from his place at Fruitland on business. Mr. Bryan has sold his store at that place to his brother, who will arrive in the next thirty days to take possession. Mr. Bryan will spend the winter in southern Arizona and California.

Everybody enjoys a good recitation. The many friends of Mrs. Mira M. Frost will be glad to know that they will have an opportunity to hear her at the Bruno Diekmann recital, Colombo hall, September 8.

MERRITT'S OPINION.

He Visited Tobacco Experimental Farm and Gives Views.

BLUENER ALSO HAS TOBACCO.

Yesterday afternoon Wesley Merritt, industrial commissioner for the Santa Fe, accompanied by W. S. Strickler, vice president and cashier of the Bank of Commerce, and D. A. Macpherson, manager for the A. A. Grant estate, visited the Rio Grande tobacco company's experimental tobacco farm, north of the city.

The public already knows the circumstances under which this experiment of tobacco growing in the Rio Grande valley is being made, and also that Mr. Merritt is really the father of the idea. It was suggested to him by two Boer generals, veteran tobacco growers, and S. E. Edmunds, the Cincinnati tobacco expert now managing the Rio Grande company's experimental farm.

The Rio Grande Tobacco company was organized last September, almost a year ago. The services of Edmunds was secured through the recommendation of Commissioner Merritt, who, beforehand, on making inquiries about Edmunds, had been told by tobacco growers of Kentucky and Ohio that he (Edmunds) was a very competent man. The company purchased forty acres of land, chosen by the expert. Tobacco seed was furnished by the government; some from Italy, others from Cuba and of various sorts and varieties. Some of the seed was slow in arriving, and consequently made late plantings. However, the seed was sown and grew nicely. About 147,000 plants were taken up and transplanted. When the flood came a large number of the plants were washed out, or else scalded by standing water. But, not being discouraged by the bad luck, Mr. Edmunds continued to tend the remaining plants and now there is promise of a good harvest.

Will Be a Success.

Although Mr. Merritt has been deeply interested in the experiment and in its success, that of yesterday was his first visit to the field.

"We had a hard drive," said Mr. Merritt last night, "but I feel well repaid for the hardships. There is little doubt in my mind but what the experiment will prove a success. The field is beautiful. The plants of early planting now stand four and five feet high and are going to seed. We found one plant with twenty-six leaves and many with twenty-two and twenty-three. The leaves are broad and in my opinion have an extra fine color. But the strange and most gratifying part of the whole proposition is that the finer varieties of tobacco are doing the best. The Turkish, from which Turkish cigarettes are made, and the Havana tobacco, grown from seed imported from Cuba, are the varieties which have made the best growth. These tobaccos bring from \$2 to \$3.60 a pound, and make a good yield.

"Harvest will begin about September 6, and last until frost. I have been told that frost comes late in the valley. If so, so much the better for the harvest and the chances of the Rio Grande valley becoming a tobacco growing locality. Of course the quality of tobacco depends to a certain extent on the curing, but Edmunds is a good man, and the crop will be taken care of in proper manner. But to make sure of the test being thorough I will endeavor to have a government expert here during the harvest and assist Mr. Edmunds with the work. I myself will try to be here again before harvest is over."

Mr. Strickler said this morning that he was very much surprised with what he saw at the tobacco farm yesterday. He expressed himself as satisfied that tobacco may be grown in the Rio Grande valley successfully and profitably, and that it is a new industry for the people of the valley.

Herman Blueher Experimenting.

Herman Blueher, the gardener, is experimenting with the growing of tobacco. He has a small plot at his garden north of Old Albuquerque. Mr. Blueher's tobacco stands six and seven feet high and is very fine. The variety is about the same as that grown by the Rio Grande company, but the exceptional growth the plants have made is probably due to the fact that they have been protected by canvas and possibly because being only a few in number, have received better care than the plants on the Rio Grande company's farm.

But, nevertheless, care or no care, there is every reason to believe that the Rio Grande valley will grow tobacco.

Mr. Merritt, accompanied by his wife and brother, E. L. Merritt, who is a West Point cadet off on a furlough, left this morning for Chicago.

Word comes from the Jemez hot springs that the resort has a large list of guests, and, if the present hot weather keeps up much longer, the list at the springs will be greatly augmented. A good chicken dinner at Block's famous mountain hotel would entice a person to make a long journey.

Mrs. W. S. Hopewell and children, family of W. S. Hopewell, general manager of the Albuquerque Eastern and Santa Fe Central railroads, passed through the city this morning en route from Hillsboro to Santa Fe, where Mr. Hopewell is reported to be seriously ill.